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March 2010 Bulletin - Patricia Keller, Editor

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

ANNUAL MEETING – March 15 - The League's annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 6pm at the Ponderosa Restaurant, Rte 60, East.

The speaker will be Brandi Jacobs-Jones, Director of Administration and Finance for the city of Huntington. After dinner and Brandi's speech and Q and A's, we will conduct our annual meeting to elect officers, adopt a budget, and vote on our program for 2010-11. We also want to hear from our members on what activities the League should carry out in the coming year.

Brandi Jacobs-Jones will speak on the finances of the city. Huntington's income continues to be stressed (especially in the light of the recession) even after the council adopted increases in taxes. The mayor indicated furloughs of city workers probably will be a future measure to balance income and expenses.

Because the city's services are essential for the inhabitants of Huntington, it is important for us to understand how the city will meet its needs. An occupation tax is one of the suggestions to replace some of the present taxes and yield more income.

We invite League members and friends to attend the March 15 meeting to learn more about the city's finances and give the League's board of directors input for future activities.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

(Board members are elected to 2-year terms.)

President - Helen Gibbins; *1st VP* - Martha Woodward

Secretary - Portia Warner *Directors:* Wendy

Thomas, Rose Riter and Helen Brown.

Nominating Committee: Elinore Taylor and Giovanna Deveny (board representative)

2010 Nominating Committee: Betty Barrett, Susan Hubbard, and Giovanna Deveny.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Support of the improvements in the quality of recreation in the Huntington area.
- Support of improvement in the quality of education.
- Support of the council-manager form of government.
- Support of comprehensive land use planning.
- Support of the improvement of solid waste management.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support of measures to improve the election process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and support agencies.

TAXES AND FINANCE

- Support of funding for parks and recreation in the Huntington area.
- Support of funding for Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) by those who are served by the VFDs.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-11

EXPENDITURES

A. Operating Costs

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Maintenance of Equipment | \$60 | |
| 2. General Supplies | 80 | |
| 3. Meeting Places | 70 | |
| 4. Equipment | -0- | (210) |

B. Board and Administration

- | | | |
|------------------------------|----|--|
| 1. President | 10 | |
| 2. Secretary | 10 | |
| 3. Treasurer | 80 | |
| 4. Board Tools & Expenses | 25 | |
| 5. Administrative Committees | | |
| a. Finance | 40 | |
| b. Membership/Meetings | 90 | |

c. Public Relations	10	(265)
C. Delegates/Travel		
1. Annual meeting	25	
2. State Convention/Council	50	
3. National Convention	250	(325)
D. Financial Support for LWVUS & LWVWV		
1. WV PMP \$11 & \$5.50	561.	
2. US PMP-\$29.20 & 14.60	1504.80	(2065.80)
E. Bulletin	700	(700)
F. Educational Activities		
1. Publications	100	
2. Summer Fun	125	
3. Program Committees		
a. National	10	
b. State	10	
c. Local	25	
4. Voters Service		
a. Elections	20	
b. Other Public Service	10	(300)
G. Position Support		
1. Publications of LWV Positions	10	
2. Action Activities	10	(20)
Total		\$3885.80

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Dues	2065.80
Contributions	800
Interest	5
Reserves	1015
TOTAL	\$3885.80

EXPLANATION

B-1 family care, mileage, meals, misc.
 B-3 thank you notes, dues notices, supplies
 B-4 Transportation, family care, xeroxing, postage, publications, long distance, misc.
 B-5-b membership flyers, refreshments
 D - PMP is "per member payment", half price to second member of the same household or a student
 F-1 Public Officials Guide to Legislature Election Information
 F-4-b Books donated; Speeches to other organizations
 Dues - \$25-students; \$50-individuals; \$60 household

CALENDAR

March 13. Regular session of the WV legislature ends.
March 15. 6 pm Ponderosa Restaurant. Annual meeting, League of Women Voters.
March 22. noon. League's board meeting
April 19. 7 pm Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, League meeting on the excess levies to be on the ballot.
April 20. Last day to register to vote, or change your political party before the primary election.
May 6. 7 pm. Candidates for the Board of Education meeting.

SUMMER FUN - Please contact Julie Damewood if you can help distribute "Summer Fun" in May. You may contact Julie at juliedamewood@earthling.net or 304-522-2340.

RECENT LWVUS ACTIONS - The League's national president sent a letter to the Senate urging it to update campaign finance laws in the wake of Citizens United. A recent *ABC News-Washington Post* poll showed that the League is not alone in this fight: 80 percent of Americans of both parties oppose the Court's decision. Enhanced disclosure is the most basic step needed to protect the role of the voter in making decisions in elections. It is now possible for corporations to secretly provide funds that another corporation uses to intervene in an election through independent expenditures. **This is not acceptable.** The League supports strong disclosure requirements for both those who receive election funds and those who provide such funds.

The League sent a letter to the House of Representatives urging members to oppose legislation from Representatives Moran and Pomeroy that would overturn the EPA's scientific finding that global warming pollutants endanger public health.

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